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Evil Effects of Perpetual Idleness.

Temporary idleness, produced by sickness, over exertion, lack of employment, legal or industrial delays is excusable. But voluntary idleness, when there are none of these conditions apparent, is shameful and intolerable. Locally, we have too much loafing and idleness about the streets at all hours. Men and women, who are eternally and forever idle, are a menace to any community. They are even dangers to themselves. If they are constantly idle, with no visible means of support, what employs their minds?

Efforts should be begun now to rid our city of all of our professional and ever present loafer. Of what service are they to the community? Great complaint has been made about "Criminal Costs." It is very expedient for the conservative and industrious citizens to endeavor to remove the agencies that foster and maintain criminal life. There is a remedy, if our officers will do their duty, fearlessly, for the public good.

Let us enumerate a cause for the increase in our population of loafers, which is as follows:—Penalties for offenses here are very mild. Hence the bum, thug, sneak thief, 'crap shooter and sand bagger can ply his trade without much fear, so long as "certain influences" can be used to lighten his penalty. What care they for a "dollar and costs," so long as it means only a short stay in jail?

We do not desire to see any one persecuted but we do not hesitate to insist that those who are constantly in our courts, for aggravating offenses, should be sentenced for a sufficient time and given abundant punishment, by the performance of some manner of manual labor, to make them dread a repetition of a sentence for any subsequent offenses. Unless something is done to lessen idleness in our city, it will continue to be the dumping ground for criminals of all classes from every quarter, where vice is placed under subjection.

Churches, schools, homes, societies and business enterprises invite the industrious, honest and frugal from everywhere to come in to our midsts to assist in the making of a great city of Sedalia, the Charming Queen of the Prairies. We must make our city attract the desirable. We must make this city, our home, an incongenial locality for idleness and crime. To do so, we must insist upon our officers doing their duty. Gangs of loafers, blocking our thoroughfares, should be broken up; lewd women trailing the streets at any and all hours ought to be stopped; minors going in, out and about saloons, gambling houses and questionable resorts at will must be suppressed and the laws regulating saloons and other licensed resorts should be impartially enforced.

Unless the representative citizens see that these evils are looked after, they will combine their interests and then proceed to run everything and everybody to suit to suit themselves. When such conditions arise, the Negro will be the greatest sufferer, reasonably true, because he will be the least able to defend himself. Sedalians, isn't this enough to make us thoughtful?

House to Defeat "Jim Crow" Bill

Republicans and Twelve Democrats Promise to Vote Against It.

NEGRO ORATORS ARGUE.

(From the Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.)

Jefferson City, Feb. 14.—Leaders in the House consider it certain that the "Jim Crow" bill will be defeated when it comes up for passage by that body. It is believed there will not be one Republican vote for the measure. The loss of 10 Democratic votes will kill it, and there are said to

be 12 Democratic members who have said they would either vote against the bill or not vote at all, which would amount to the same thing.

Prayers were offered in every Negro church in the State last night for the defeat of the bill, while the leading Negro educators and orators were protesting before the House Committee on Railroads against its passage.

The Negroes had a well-planned and cleverly executed program before the committee. There was not one word uttered which could possibly give offense to any white man. The speeches combined wit, eloquence and pathos, and were considered an eloquent plea for the Negro. The Hall of the House of Representatives was packed with members and Jefferson City citizens.

Nelson Crews, a well known Republican campaign speaker,

came on at the latter part of the program and brought it to a close by having the Negroes in the House sing "Dearest my God to Thee." The gallery was well crowded with Negro students of Lincoln Institute, the State School at Jefferson City, and the song was a reminder of the old time Negro camp meetings.

Many St. Louis Speakers.

The speakers were G. B. Vashon, a Democrat of St. Louis; Dr. J. T. Caston, Jefferson City; Prof. G. N. Grisham, principal of the Negro High School in Kansas City; Dr. George E. Stevens, St. Louis; Leon H. Jordan, Democrat, Kansas City; Rev. W. D. Cook, St. Louis; Rev. J. C. Caldwell, St. Joseph; Dr. J. H. Garnett, Macon; Dr. Crossland, former U. S. Minister to Liberia, St. Joseph, and Nelson Crews, Kansas City.

The Negroes were unanimous in their statements that the Negroes had no thought or desire for social equality of the whites and blacks, that the social gulf was a fact, and that no Negro hopes that the gulf will ever be bridged. Vashon said it would be an absolute impossibility to ever have social equality, and that the Negro realizes that fact.

Another point made was that the Negro has been only 42 yrs in reaching his present state of civilization, while other races had spent centuries in coming from ignorance to education and civilization.

The speakers said the white men of Missouri had done much for the Negro in giving him a school in which he could be educated and that the passage of a "Jim Crow" bill would do more to degrade the Negro, wound him and hinder him in his advancement than many years could do in restoring him to the position already gained. Ex.

SUPERVISION BILL PASSED.

House Passes Mr. Johnston's School Bill by Constitutional Vote.

Jefferson City, Feb. 14.—The house Thursday passed the bill by Mr. Johnston, of Pettis, establishing the office of the county supervision of schools in this state for every county. The bill got through by the exact constitutional vote of 72 to 51 votes against it.

The measure was hard fought and the certification of the roll made no changes in the total. Mr. Dale, of Gentry, changed his vote from no to aye, which gave the exact vote required.

The emergency clause was defeated and thus the law will not go into effect this spring should the senate pass the bill, which seems likely. It is a measure in the interest of the children of the state and is a companion, law to the compulsory educational bill which has done so much for the children of the state in the past two years. —Capital.

NEW FRANKLIN

Rev A M Todd, a student of Geo. R. Smith College, preached at the A M E Church Sunday Feb. 1, to a large audience.

Miss Hicks who has been teaching at Portland, Mo., stopped over Sunday Feb. 10, and spent a few hours in this city the guest of Mr and Mrs J. A. Kingsbury.

Miss Clennie Jones came home from Sedalia ill last Tuesday night.

There will be a big rally at the A M E Church the 3rd Sunday in March.

Miss Della Watson has been of

the sick list but is now rapidly improving.

There will be a grand concert at Old Town Saturday night Feb. 23rd by New Franklin's big concert company.

E. W. Whaley Dead.

Mr. E. W. Whaley, the efficient Sunday School Supt. of the Burns Chapel Kansas City, Mo. departed this life Jan. 24. He had been a member of the M. E. Church about 30 years and had lived in Kansas City about 20 years, coming here from Mexico, Mo. in 1887. Bro. Whaley was born near Williamsburg, Mo. some 48 years ago and moved to Mexico, where he was married to Miss Georgia Brown of that city in 1887 by the Rev. Brown. He leaves a widow and two sons and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

The widow Mrs Whaley is president of the St. Joseph Dist. Epworth League. Rev. Q. E. Whaley, a son, is a graduate of the Geo. R. Smith College and pastor of our church at Hannibal Mo. The other son Roscoe is living in Kansas City. The funeral was held at Burns Chapel Kansas City; burial Mexico.

J M Harris, pastor.

K. of P. CONFERENCE A SUCCESS.

The committee appointed by Supreme Chancellor Starks to meet a similar committee from the Knights of Pythias of the Eastern and Western Hemisphere met last week in New York City. After a careful conference articles of agreement were drawn up and now await the signatures of the Heads of the two bodies. We desire to draw this lesson from. At such a time as this when the race is going through such an ordeal, it behooves us to be united in all good work. It would show to others the power of organization and the ability to hold great bodies together. It would also be in keeping with spirit of the age; combinations of great magnitude along similar lines. We hope that results have been such as that very soon we will have but one Supreme Jurisdiction of Knights of Pythias among us. —Lp. Record.

The Negro Debater.

The students of Kansas University are exhibiting a deal of inconsistency by raising a furor over that institution being represented by a Negro in a debating contest between Kansas University and Baker University. If K. U. has a Negro who is big and brawny and nifty enough to make a foot ball team and becomes a star he becomes a hero of the first magnitude. When he tears up the line of an opposing team, especially the Tigers he is applauded and idolized as only a gridiron hero can be. When however, the Negro develops his head to an extent to open contest he is chosen over his white fellow students to represent the institution that he in a contest of mental gymnastics, there goes a howl that is heard clear across the state line.

The Kansas students haven't a peg to hang an objection upon. If the laws of the state allow Negro student to attend the University any of them should have the same advantage that any other students have. Their white associates have no license to object to them to them winning what honors they may. —Columbia Daily Tribune.

Mrs. Lulu Abbott, after spending a week with her mother in Jefferson City, returned home on the 16th. She reports that mother as being convalescent.

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Mrs. Mary Church Terrell

Greatest Lady Lecturer of
The Race Will Visit Sedalia on The 21st.

Mrs. Terrell was chosen as one of the speakers at the International Congress of Women which was held in Berlin, Germany, June, 1904. Her address on that occasion was widely commented upon, because she was the only one of the American delegates who spoke in German. "The woman who made the best appearance of the convention," according to M. Remy, the correspondent of the Paris Temps, "was Mrs. Terrell of Washington, a lady of Andalusian complexion, who in case of manner, gracefulness and force of gesture and naturalness of expression was ahead of all other oratrices. Mrs. Terrell spoke in German with the same fluency and ease as in her native tongue." The Washington Post declared editorially: "The hit of the Congress on the part of the American delegates was made by Mrs. Mary Church Terrell of Washington, who delivered one speech in German and another in equally good French. Mrs. Terrell is a colored woman who appears to have been beyond every other of our delegates prominent for her ability to make addresses in other than her own language." In a syndicate column in one of the largest newspapers in the world, Mrs. Terrell is called "the greatest woman in the world."

one speech in excellent German and one equally good in French. This achievement on the part of a colored woman, added to a fine appearance and the eloquence of her words, carried the audience by storm and she had to respond three times to the encores before they were satisfied. It was more than a personal triumph, it was a triumph for her race.

Mrs. Terrell is yet a young woman and has before her a future of usefulness. Her splendid work is doing much towards creating a sentiment in favor of her race. Wherever she speaks, her eloquent utterances and chaste diction make a deep impression which must have its influence in the final shaping of the vexed problems that confront the colored people of this country. Her exceptional attainments and general demeanor are a wonderful force in eradicating the prejudice against colored women. She is making an opening for her sisters as no one else is doing or has done.

This gifted and highly cultured woman will lecture at George R. Smith College, Sedalia, Mo., February 21st. Every Negro in and near Sedalia should hear her by all means. She comes to lecture under the auspices of the Students National Bureau.

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